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TAGS: PARM, IAEA, JA

SUBJ: PM TANAKA: GOJ TO SEEK NPT RATIFICATION CURRENT DIET
SESSION

REF: A. TOKYO 14947

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SUMMARY: DURING TELEVISED DIET INTERPELLATIONS DECEMBER 11,
PM TANAKA STATED THAT GOJ WOULD SEEK RATIFICATION OF NPT DUR-
ING CURRENT DIET SESSION. TANAKA SAID JAPAN'S PRECONDITIONS
HAVE BEEN SATISFIED AND JAPAN MUST MOVE WITH WORLD TREND TO-
WARD RATIFICATION. END SUMMARY.

1. PM TANAKA, IN TELEVISED DIET INTERPELLATIONS DECEMBER 11,
SAID THAT GOJ WOULD SEEK RATIFICATION OF NPT DURING CURRENT
DIET SESSION, WHICH WILL END, UNLESS EXTENDED, ON APRIL 29,
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1974. RESPONDING TO LDP TANAKA FACTION DIETMAN WITH AN OB-

VIOUSLY PREPARED COMMENT, TANAKA SAID THAT ALTHOUGH JAPAN HAS SIGNED THE TREATY, GOJ HAS MOVED IN PRUDENT FASHION TOWARD RATIFICATION OUT OF CONCERN FOR THREE CONDITIONS: (1) FURTHER PROGRESS ON NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT BETWEEN NUCLEAR SUPER-POWERS, (2) GUARANTEE OF NON-NUCLEAR NATIONS' SECURITY, AND (3) EQUAL TREATMENT IN PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR POWER. SALT TALKS, US-USSR AGREEMENT ON PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR AND RECENT GOJ-IAEA SAFEGUARDS TALKS (SATISFIED GOJ CONDITIONS. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, TANAKA SAID GOJ DECIDED TO SEEK RATIFICATION BECAUSE NATIONS OF WORLD APPARENTLY MOVING TOWARD RATIFICATION. HE SAID THAT IN HIS JUDGMENT CONSENSUS OF NATION ON RATIFICATION COULD NOW BE OBTAINED.

2. TANAKA DEFERRED TO FONMIN OHIRA WHEN DIETMAN URGED THAT JAPAN RATIFY IN TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN FEBRUARY PREPARATORY CONFERENCE. AFTER NOTING THAT RATIFICATION WAS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE, OHIRA SAID HE COULD NOT PROMISE RATIFICATION COULD BE COMPLETED BY FEBRUARY BUT GOVERNMENT WOULD PURSUE MATTER. (NOTE: DIET WILL BE IN RECESS OVER NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS FROM DECEMBER 22 UNTIL ABOUT JANUARY 21).

3. WE ARE COMMENTING BY SEPTTEL ON BACKGROUND OF TANAKA'S ACTION. MINIMALLY, TANAKA'S STATEMENT ACKNOWLEDGES PUBLICLY THAT IAEA-GOJ SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT ISSUE HAS PROBABLY BEEN OVERCOME. WITH THAT HURDLE PASSED, POLITICAL DECISION TO SEEK RATIFICATION WAS OBVIOUS NEXT STEP AND A STEP WHICH TANAKA HAS NOW TAKEN. ADDITIONALLY, STATEMENT AT THIS TIME, DURING BUDGET DELIBERATIONS, SHOULD EASE PROBLEM OF FUNDS FOR ESTABLISHING JAPAN'S NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS CENTER WHICH WILL SERVE AS GOJ INSPECTORATE SAFEGUARD AGENCY.
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